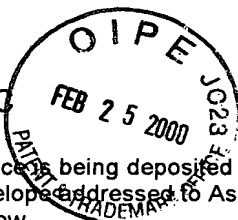


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Figure 1

Flowchart illustrating the selection process for the study.

The flowchart shows the progression from initial identification to final sample size:

- Initial Identification: 100 articles identified through database searches.
- Screening: 60 articles screened based on abstracts.
- Exclusion: 40 articles excluded based on screening criteria.
- Inclusion: 60 articles included in the final sample.